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Schaefferstown
Lebanon County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Lebanon Heidelberg Township	TOWN OR VICINITY Schaefferstown
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Stiegel House (owner)		HABS NO. PA-5341
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) East side of route 419 approximately 1 block (300') north of intersection of routes 419 and 897.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1757 (inscribed corner post)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An extremely rare example of a true half-timbered (fachwerk) Continental Germanic House enlarged into a center-passage plan dwelling with a dove-tailed log wing. Contains evidence of unusual in situ decorative features.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Continental Pennsylvania-German		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Oak frame (hewn and sawn) using box framing and plate to sill bracing; common purlin, common rafter roof.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) see measured drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Currently covered with composition siding. As built though, the house exhibited a whitewashed half-timbered exterior with decorative framing at the exterior corners and in the gable ends. The framing panels were infilled with finish coats of plaster.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior construction details include wattle-and-daub infilled walls, heavily molded breast summer beams, the use of joists unjoined to the sills, evidence of a paled and infilled cellar ceiling. Decorative sponge painting survives.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In the late 18th or early 19th century the original <u>flurkuchenhaus</u> plan was enlarged with a double pile log wing, thereby creating a roughly "Georgian" plan. Later in the 19th century original chimney piles removed; early 20th shed addition, composition siding.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In the process of restoration.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This is a structure of national significance, being the only fully documented fachwerk Pennsylvania-German house of the 18th century.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Robert Bucher Pamela Court Harleysville, Pa.		
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